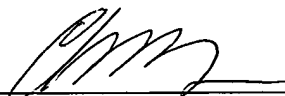


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-21 are amended for clarity and to better conform with U.S. patent practice.  
Claims 22-24 are added to avoid improper dependency. No new matter has been added.  
Claims 1 - 24 are the pending claims in this application.

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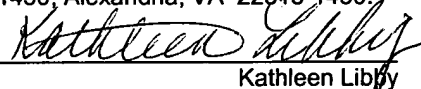
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ABSTRACT

A method of treating an exhaust gas of a lean-burn reciprocating engine ~~comprises~~ includes sorbing NO<sub>x</sub> on at least one NO<sub>x</sub> sorber ~~(30A, 30B)~~ when the exhaust gas is lean, intermittently contacting the at least one NO<sub>x</sub> sorber with an agent effective to convert NO<sub>x</sub> to N<sub>2</sub>, thereby to regenerate the at least one NO<sub>x</sub> sorber and feeding effluent of said intermittent contacting step to the engine inlet ~~(14)~~.